

PROCLAMATION

California Native American Day

WHEREAS, in 1998, California designated the fourth Friday of September as California Native American Day to dismantle misconceptions about California Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, California Native American Day offers a chance to educate the community about the diverse California Native American cultures that have shaped our region in our state; and

WHEREAS, California Native American Day celebrates the distinctive culture of the Native American people indigenous to California and calls attention to their triumphs and struggles that comprise their rich history; and

WHEREAS, the cultural and governmental contributions of the Native American people of California have shaped the course of the state throughout history; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redlands recognizes and acknowledges that our city is on the Ancestral Homelands of the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation, and is home to the first and only California Native American elected to the State's Legislature, Assemblymember James C. Ramos; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redlands honors our neighbor and community partner Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation whose generous contributions to local nonprofits and government agencies truly make a difference in our community; and

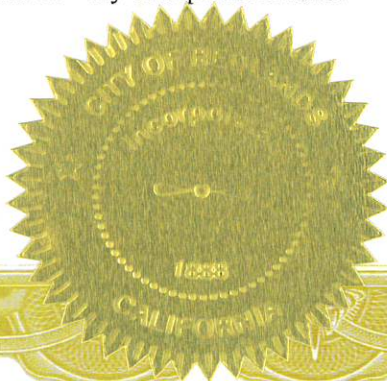
WHEREAS, the Zanja in Redlands is a historic irrigation canal, constructed by Serrano, Cahuilla and Gabrielino builders under Spanish colonial supervision in 1819. It initially served as an irrigation system for the San Bernardino Asistencia and later for ranches, orchards, and Redlands' domestic water supply; and

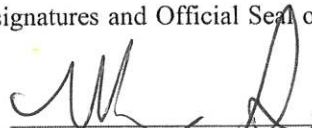
WHEREAS, the Zanja played a crucial role in transforming the region into a fertile area for citrus cultivation, laying the groundwork for Redlands' orange boom; and

WHEREAS, the Zanja Trail follows the course of the original irrigation channel as a historic reminder for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Redlands hereby proclaims September 25, 2026, as California Native American Day in the City of Redlands and encourages residents, educational institutions, and community organizations to observe California Native American Day through activities, events, and educational initiatives that promote understanding, cultural exchange, and respect for California Native American traditions and contributions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our signatures and Official Seal of the City of Redlands on this 15th day of September 2026.




Mario Saucedo, Mayor

Attest:

Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk